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# LARGEST PICKET LINES AT DOCKS; MEN REPUDIATE RYAN-TAKE CONTROL

## Imperial Valley Jailers Try To Starve Leaders of Strike

Letter Smuggled from Superstition Mountain Prison Camp, Tells of Glassford's Role

BULLETIN  
EL CENTRO, Cal., June 16.—The hunger strike of the chain gang has won a victory, when, after five days, Stanley Hancock was brought out of the black hole in the El Centro prison, where he had been kept in solitary confinement and returned to the gang. The other demand that no work should be done during the heat of the middle part of the day was also won.

SAN DIEGO, June 14.—Determined to fight the attempt to force them to work on the road gang in the terrific desert heat, purely because they are class war prisoners, eleven members of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union have declared a hunger strike. They were recently sentenced to long terms in El Centro jail for their activities in organizing the agricultural workers. The following letter from one of them speaks more eloquently than anything else possibly could. Workers everywhere must help their fight by rushing protests immediately to Gov. Merriam, Sacramento, and to Sheriff George Campbell at El Centro.

June 13, 1934.  
(This letter has just been received from Y. P. Nieto, smuggled out of the prison camp at Superstition Mountain.)

Comrades.—With pleasure I'm directing these few lines from the desert where they have got by force to make us work just for the grub. They have wanted to make us work, but they have not been able to. Thursday the 7th, we went on a strike not to work and immediately there came the cops from El Centro for Stanley, because they said that he was the cause of it all. Friday, the 8th, before they called us to breakfast, the cops told us that we should work, and I answered them that only slaves worked just for their eats; that we were not slaves.

Then they said they would put us on bread and water. And they did this. And right away they give us three slices of bread (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7)

## Glassford Admits Arson Frame-Up Plot On Union

ON GUTS WITH THE IMPERIAL VALLEY GROWERS: PLANS LEAK OUT.

EL CENTRO, Cal., June 16.—Gen. Pelham Glassford yesterday admitted that he had offered to give \$25 to finance an arson plot to frame up Communists or other active members of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union.

In admitting the plot, Glassford declared "It was a suggestion indicative of meeting these alleged agitators in their own way."

The \$25 was to be given to someone who would set fire to the Azteca Union hall in Brawley so that Communists could be blamed and railroaded to prison on arson charges.

The admission came as a result of a fight between Glassford and County Agricultural Commissioner Harrigan. Glassford claimed that Harrigan warned him of a possible death attempt, Harrigan having admonished him that "he could be done away with by a tough element for \$50."

Harrigan repeated earlier charges that a clique of growers and shippers has been resorting to violence and intimidation in an attempt to rule the valley and dictate terms under which labor shall work. A. N. Jack, president of the Imperial Valley Growers and Shippers Protective Assn., would not deny the charges.

Glassford's speech regarding (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7)

## Archie Brown In Jail Signs As Candidate

MILITANT YOUNG LEADER IS TO RUN FOR STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE.

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—Behind the bars of the L. A. City Jail, Archie Brown today signed his declaration of candidacy on the Communist ticket for state treasurer. The papers were presented to him for his signature by Leo Gallagher, I. L. D. attorney.

The militant young candidate of the Young Communist League is in jail, as he explained in the statement of his residence, because with the approval of the Y. C. L. he spoke in a rented private hall in San Pedro about working class struggles. He is serving ninety days for "disturbing the peace."

In his official statement Brown declared: "My experience as employed and unemployed worker has convinced me that state funds are misappropriated to benefit the rich. Schools are closed, children starve, working women suffer increased hardships, sales tax burden the poor while income taxes are reduced. My election will benefit the poor at the expense of the rich." To Raise Funds.

The list of Los Angeles county sponsors of the candidacy of Sam Darcy for governor was filed on Thursday with the registrar of voters.

Regional affairs and unit parties are being held all this week in Los Angeles Section to raise money for the filing fees of the candidates. Each sub-section has the responsibility of establishing election campaign headquarters and sending speakers before every mass organization.

The finance plans of the section also include a concert on the night of July 23, possibly at the Mason Theater, and a series of four chamber music concerts at the Cultural Center.

## All Day Picket at German Consulate



Daily, in two hour shifts, such picketing is on at the German Consulate in San Francisco, arranged by the International Labor Defense. The signs call for an open trial and right to defense attorney for Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German workers, in danger of being murdered by the Nazis.

Striking Marine Workers Fighting For Thaelmann

## All Day Picket Line Kept At the German Consulate; Telephones Are Kept Ringing All Day Long

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—A delegation of striking marine workers from the Marine Workers Industrial Union went to the German Consulate this week to demand the unconditional freedom of Ernst Thaelmann, dockworker from Hamburg and hero leader of the German working class, now being tortured in a Nazi dungeon prior to an attempt to frame him and execute him.

A delegation from the International Labor Defense visited the consulate today and placed the demands for Thaelmann's freedom before the hirelings of the Nazi butchers.

A telephone blockade is being set up around the German consulate in order to make it impossible for the consul to carry on any official business until Thaelmann is freed. Every anti-fascist worker and sympathizer participating in the blockade telephones the consul and demands the freedom of Thaelmann, telephones five friends and asks each of them to demand the freedom of Thaelmann, and asks each of his five friends to telephone five of their friends to make a similar demand.

Workers who have been phoning the consul report that this mass pressure is already having its results on these Nazi hirelings, who are exasperated and amazed at the persistence of the American workers in demanding Thaelmann's release. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7)

## L. A. Jobless Fight For End of Forced Labor Camp Law

"I WOULDN'T CHANGE IT IF I COULD," RELIEF CZAR JENSEN DECLARES.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 15.—"If I had the power to change this order I would not do it," declared Earl Jensen, relief Czar to a committee of sixteen from the Relief Workers Protective Union who came to his office Tuesday to demand the end of forced labor camps. "However, it's up to the supervisors."

After first refusing to see any committee, Jensen has been forced by the RWPU to receive their delegations. On the Tuesday following the big June 1st demonstration of unemployed in front of his office, Jensen decided he had better receive the delegation and all grievances were settled except that of the forced labor. Then after stalling twice he finally had to see the delegation again last Tuesday.

Immediately after the June 1st demonstration the visitors in the L. A. County Welfare Department received orders to "be more lenient with their clients" and to cut out delay in handling (Continued on Page 5, Col. 7)

## Apricot Strikers Return; No Gains; See Nathan Faker

NOW REALIZE PROLETARIAN PARTY, AF OF L ORGANIZER HELPED GROWERS.

BRENTWOOD, June 18.—The striking apricot pickers here after placing confidence in the AF of L faker, J. B. Nathan, finally had to call off the strike, failing to gain any of the demands. In fact the largest company in the region the BaG now pays many workers 15 cents per hour, while prior to the strike 20 cents was paid.

Many of the small farmers who previously paid higher are now cutting to 15c an hour.

The strike was called off last Thursday by the A. F. D.

The calling off was at a meeting of about 200 who joined Nathan's union on the promise that he will use the "prestige" of the AF of L to negotiate an increase for them. So enraged are the workers at the way they were taken in by the fraud that many in leaving the meeting tore up the membership cards in disgust. Virtually all fields were able to work normally as Nathan's insistence that there be no mass picket line gave the growers a free hand.

Nathan, completely at a loss to explain matters to the workers, conceived of the clever story that in view of the canneries not coming out in sympathy, he will see to it that next year those canneries are boycotted.

Mexican and other of the workers told him he was a faker, and that they misunderstood what he was placing for a vote, at the time that a meeting of strikers agreed to place the strike in the hands of the AF of L. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

## Stop Aid to Scabs: Richmond Workers Demand of Council

RICHMOND, June 16.—Two hundred Richmond workers jammed the city council chambers to overflow Monday night to back the longshoremen in their protest against the city of Richmond protecting the scabs by building an \$8000 fence around Pier Terminal to protect scabs working there, and the city's daily payment of \$264 for thugs to help try to break the strike.

The City Council was doubly indignant, not only over the fact that workers came to the council chambers, but also because many of them were rallied there by leaflets put out by the Communist Party at factory gates. The Council wanted to know whether the ILA had authorized the Communists' Party leaflet.

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Exploratory introduction by M. J. Ogin, author of "Why Communism?" Ten cents a copy.

## Keep Strike In Rank and File Hands!

Longshoremen! Seamen and all Striking Crafts! The rejection of the Ryan-Rossi-Plant agreement is a remarkable display of solidarity and determination to win. The action of the membership meeting along the coast has made it clear to the shipowners that they are not dealing with a few reactionary, and highly paid officials, BUT THEY ARE DEALING WITH MORE THAN 35,000 STRIKING WORKERS, WHO AFTER SIX WEEKS OF STRIKING HAVE LEARNED TO FIGHT THE SELL-OUT AND THE SPLIT MANEUVERS OF THE SHIPOWNERS AND THESE OFFICIALS.

You can now see from the letter of the shipowners to the Industrial Assn., which has been published, that during the entire period of the strike the negotiators had an understanding that any settlement reached will not come back to you for approval, and the demands of the seamen were not to be considered.

Ryan and Lewis thought they had a pack of hooligans who would follow like sheep to slaughter. But 3,000 longshoremen at a special meeting showed them that every move they made was watched. You workers ably took the situation out of their hands.

### SEAMEN'S OFFICIALS THREATEN UNITY

But Ryan and Lewis are not the only ones threatening the unity of the strikers. Now the bosses are especially laying their hopes on the Sharrenberg-Larsen-Silver machine in the International Seamen's Union. A mass meeting of 1,000 strikers registered with the ISU, held on Sunday, approved the unity action taken by the longshoremen, listened to a speaker of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, decided for complete unity including that union, and elected representatives to the Central Strike Committee. Yet on the next morning officials of the ISU came to the first meeting of the Central Strike Committee, declared the mass meeting and representatives unconstitutional, bringing in their own representatives, and refused to participate if the Marine Workers Industrial Union stays in. The chairman of the ISU strike committee, Caves, who favors unity was declared suspended.

To get some form of official sanction for our split strike, a meeting of only such as are paid members of the ISU was called, for Monday evening, and included only about 125 who are eligible. BUT WHAT WAS THE RESULT? EVEN THAT MEETING REPUDIATED THE SPLIT POLICY OF THE OFFICIALS, REINSTATED CAVES, AND DECLARED FOR A UNITED FRONT WITH THE MARINE WORKERS INDUSTRIAL UNION.

This shows once more that the lines of the strikers cannot be broken. THE CRY OF COMMUNISM CAN'T DO IT. The workers know who the Communists and the militant workers in the union are. They know them to be the most active, and best trained to detect the tricks and maneuvers of the shipowners and misleaders, who unfortunately for some time conducted the negotiations.

### MISLEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROLONGING OF STRIKE

Do you know who's responsible for the strike dragging out for already six weeks? The shipowners try to blame it on Communists, who they say, "only want to attack the government." BUT THE REAL BLAME IS ON THE SHIP OWNERS AND THE MISLEADERS IN YOUR RANKS SUCH AS RYAN, LEWIS, SCHARENBERG AND LARSEN. JUST SO LONG AS THE SHIP OWNERS THOUGHT THEY COULD USE THESE PEOPLE FOR SPLITTING YOU UP, AND JAMMING A SELL-OUT DOWN YOUR THROATS, THEY REFUSED TO COME TO TERMS. But such action as you took—sweeping your officials aside and taking things in your own hands—SUPPLEMENTED BY INTENSE PICKETING—will do more than anything else in forcing the shipowners to come to a satisfactory settlement. But it will take a hard fight!

Now that you have taken negotiations in your own hands KEEP THE OFFICIALS OUT OF THAT! You have enough intelligence for yourselves to decide what to do.

With a rank and file controlled strike, victory is assured! More militancy! Don't weaken in your determination! Everyone on the picket line and you can't lose.

Communist Party, West Coast District.

## Just What You Have Been Waiting For !

## Shipyard Men Join In Strike At San Pedro

FAKERS IN THE SEAMEN'S UNION ALSO REPUDIATED.

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—Three hundred and seventy-five members of the Shipyard Workers Union voted to go on strike Friday, and stopped all work in the Los Angeles shipyard on the steamer Misoulian, which was undergoing overhauling train scab winch-drivers. The ship was used to refit the Diamond Head, now being used to house scabs.

San Pedro held its first street demonstration since the days of the police terror clamped down in 1923. Three hundred workers called by the United Front Seamen's Central Strike Committee and the International Labor Defense met to protest the brutal slugging of workers and the reorganization of union records.

Speakers from all the unions participating in the strike were on the platform, and when the chairman called for fifty workers to go down to the city jail to carry the protest, from all over the meeting came cries of "Let's all go!" The militancy of the crowd kept the squad of police thugs at a respectful distance.

Numerous cases of turning on gas and lights have been reported in the last few weeks. Most of these were the work of committees representing the Relief Workers' Protective Union. Jones' activity, however, was in leading grievance committees of unemployed to the county welfare stations. Jones first came up for trial on Friday, June 15, but was postponed. Judge Crum in Division 5 of the Municipal Court kept a large group of workers waiting for nearly an hour before opening, then announced the postponement.

## Negro Unemployed Leader Given 150 Days In L. A. Jail

LOS ANGELES, June 18.—Sam Jones, Negro organizer of the Relief Workers' Protective Union was sentenced to 150 days in jail today on framed charges of stealing gas and electricity. The judge in conducting the farcical trial continually overruled questions brought up in Jones' defense, helping to railroad this worker. Several times in the past Jones has been beaten by the L. A. police for his activity in leading workers' struggles.

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## STARTING AUGUST FIRST THE WESTERN WORKER TWICE WEEKLY! Campaign Opens — Greetings To Be Printed In First Issue of Semi-Weekly Number

DEAR READER:

The long awaited appearance of the Western Worker as a semi-weekly is only a few weeks away. This will be enthusiastically greeted in the hundreds of cities which the Western Worker reaches. It means a big step forward towards a Western daily. It means a quicker answer to all the capitalist lies. It means that this most powerful organizer in our hands will move faster and be fresh with the news.

BUT WE ARE ANNOUNCING THIS SEMI-WEEKLY IS TO APPEAR ALTHOUGH WE ARE FAR FROM HAVING REACHED THE GOAL OF THREE THOUSAND NEW SUBS WHICH ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE, ON A SECURE FOUNDATION.

### SEMI-WEEKLY APPEARANCE SURE

WE WILL GO THROUGH WITH THE PLANS HOWEVER WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR READERS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE WESTERN WORKER WILL RALLY TO PUT OVER THE DRIVE BY AUGUST FIRST.

You will agree that the need for a more frequent appearance of the Western Worker is felt very seriously now especially as experience with the marine strike has proven. We get numerous letters from our readers assuring us how imperative the Western Worker has become to anyone who wants to keep up with the rapid events on the class struggle front. We therefore feel sure that every reader, Party member, or Western Worker agent will do everything possible during the coming five weeks to get a maximum of subs.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PUT THIS OVER.

Tell your friends that the semi-weekly will remain at the same price. One year, \$2.00; six months, \$1.00; three months, 60 cents. This means twice as many papers at the same price.

Send for sub blanks. Visit each worker, farmer or neighbor. Set your goal for no less than five subs by August 1st.

Take up the Western Worker in the meetings of the organization to which you belong and ask for subscriptions.

### GET GREETINGS TO FIRST ISSUE

The first semi-weekly issue will be a special number. It will be printed in many extra copies, and contain very interesting material especially for Anti-War Day.

We want to show that the most active organizations are giving fine support for the step forward we are taking. THIS WILL BE THROUGH GREETINGS SPACE BOUGHT BY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

The price will be \$1.00 per column inch. In addition greeting lists are being issued for greetings from individuals to be printed in the first issue.

This is a personal letter addressed to you! We hope you will not take long in answering it. Tell us what you will positively accomplish by August First. Send your subs and remit all funds direct to the Western Worker, 37 Grove Street, San Francisco.

Let's Put This Drive Over.

# Bosses Use Faker, Codes To Put Over Cut On Fishermen

*This Rogue's Gallery of Labor Officials Miscalculated*

## Argyll Campbell A Big Shark in the Monterey Fishing Industry

Organizes Abalone Divers, Puts Over Cut, Rakes in \$2000 a Year from Them

By B. R.

MONTEREY, Cal., June 19.—City Attorney Argyll Campbell is continuing his old tricks of making thousands of dollars at the expense of the fishermen, this time initiating an organization of abalone fishermen. His game is to be "legal counsel"—on a percentage basis. He is to get 5c a dozen on the abalone catch in Monterey for the next two years, which gives him not less than \$2000 a year, in addition to his expenses.

Campbell controls the Monterey Sardine Industries, Inc., the boatowners organization, under the pretense of being legal counsel. It is estimated that he made \$10,000 last season out of this alone, not including the thousands of dollars he made through other channels, which is estimated to total between thirty and forty thousand he made out of the fishing industries.

**A Bosses Code.**  
He is carrying on a campaign to keep all outside fishermen from Monterey so he can control the whole local fishing industry and dictate the conditions under which the fishermen shall work. Campbell induced the abalone fishermen to join his organization by telling them that only "code" boats can work. He drew up the code—and it clearly represents not the men, but the interests of the shippers, dealers and Mr. Argyll Campbell.

At the conference June 7th he acted as representative for the abalone divers "against" the abalone shippers. Mayor Teaby was "mediator" at this farce. As a result of this meeting of shipping and cannery bosses, the city political grafters and Campbell's pocketbook, the fisherman get only further exploitation and misery for them and their families. The conference agreed on a 30-day pact, setting the price of white steak abalone at \$1.75 a dozen, and black steak abalone at 50c a dozen.

**Permanent Cut.**  
The fishermen had previously agreed to a pact that would give them a 10% allowance for dark steaks—that is, 50c a dozen for dark steaks in excess of 10% of the catch. Campbell called this new cut, which takes hundreds of dollars away from the fisher-



This set of labor fakers are seen at a well set dinner table with Mayor Rossi in Hotel Whitcomb, framing the sell-out agreement. But while it was easy for them to sign it, they couldn't make good their promissory note to the shipowners. The workers rejected it unanimously. Now the shipowners howl! That Ryan fooled them, and insist he make good his signed contract. Left to right: Maurice Rapfeld, Mayor Rossi's secretary; A. H. Pederson, ILA executive committee; Dave Beck, ILA executive committee; Mike Casey, president Teamster's Union; Mayor Rossi; Joseph Ryan, International president ILA; John McLaughlin, president Teamsters' Council; William J. Lewis, district president, ILA, and John Finnegan, ILA executive committee.

## Cook, Workers Unite --Force Restaurant to Stop Discrimination

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—There was a sign saying "We cater to white trade only" in the window of Lee's Coffee Shop, Chinese restaurant at 330 Ellis street.

The workers made the boss take it down.

Observing the sign, a committee of Japanese, Chinese, and white workers delegated from the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, went to the shop and demanded that the sign be taken down and the policy of discrimination discontinued.

The Chinese boss hedged, saying "I'll take it off tomorrow."

The committee insisted that the sign should be taken down immediately.

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He had been listening to the demands of the delegation. He pointed to the sign with the gleaming butcher-knife which he had forgotten to lay down: "Go ahead, take the sign down now," he said to the committee.

It's down.

## Open Cafeteria in LA Cultural Center

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 16.—A cafeteria has now been opened on the third floor in the Cultural Center here at 230 So. Spring St. serving meals from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m. Comrade Duboise, for 25 years a chef, is in charge. All proceeds from the cafeteria go toward helping the Center

## What the A. F. of L. Has "Won" For the Wilson Packing House Strikers

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—After eight months, what do the Wilson strikers have to show for their patience and trust placed in Hobart of the AF of L and the National Labor Board?

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## Support Rank, File Union.

The fact that the packing-house workers are disgusted with the AF of L (Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers' Union) is shown by the great support and sympathy they give to the Packing House Workers' Industrial Union, a rank and file controlled union fighting against the increasing rotten conditions in the packing houses.

Hobart is splitting the solidarity of the workers by holding

out a vague promise of a job if they are good boys and do not join the PHWIU.

Just how afraid Wilson & Co. are of this fighting union is shown by the tight board fence and locked gates they have erected around the plant. And, they sent their chief stool-pigeon and snoper, the watchman, Tom Walton, with two armed bodyguards, to a meeting of the PHWIU to see what Wilson workers were there and to scare them away from the union meeting.

The chairman had to stop the speakers and invite these rats to leave, explaining that their presence was an insult to honest working men.

The spirit of the meeting was not dampened in the least by the visit of these rats, but continued after they left. The workers enthusiastically applauded Ezra Chase, who spoke on conditions of the workers under the NRA.

This raising of the red scare by AF of L officials is a usual tactic when they feel their influence over the workers slipping.

## Workers Theater In L. A. to Train Election Speakers

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 13.—With the aim not only of building a larger group of actors but to aid in the developing of public speakers for the coming election campaign, the League of Workers Theatres is opening a class at 230 So. Spring St. on Thursday June 21 at 8 p. m.

—G. M. C.

(The Communist Party is now officially recognized as a legal party, and any worker has the right to register Communist and to put out leaflets for the Communist Party. In cases where a worker would lose his job by registering Communist, we urge him to register "Decline to State". You are of course the best judge of your own case.)

## Eureka, Ft. Bragg, Fishermen Strike Against Price Cut

FORT BRAGG, Cal., June 13.—Noyo salmon fishermen voted last night to strike against a wage cut, along with Eureka.

The cut was announced Monday, June 11. The old price had been 7c for small fish; 10c for large, and the new prices were silvers 5c, small kings 6c and large kings 8c.

Noyo, which is strongly organized under Local No. 19 of F&CWIU, immediately stopped fishing, and got in touch with national headquarters and Eureka. The next morning word came that Eureka had gone out 100%, the only boat having left the harbor that morning being one to carry the news to boats fishing up toward the Klamath River.

Noyo is asking for the restoration of the former price, and Eureka is asking 6c small and 8c large. A committee from Noyo is going to Eureka to get together on this.

A price cut is nothing new to the fishermen when it is made at the time of a heavy run, but a cut at a time like this, when there is only a small amount of fish coming in, is a surprise. This very thing has strengthened the men, as they see this cut as the first move of the organized packers to cut prices to a starvation level when the main run comes.

Both the local fleet and visiting fishermen voted 100% to strike—not a dissenting voice in the hall. We ask the support of all unions.

O. C. Unsalt, Chairman Local 19. H. Hellman, Sec'y.

## Only Soviet Workers and Farmers Have Security

By GEORGE H. SHOAF

Comrade Shoaf has just completed a tour in the Soviet Union, and this is his first article on what he saw. He is now on his way back and we can expect many articles by him. He was for many years a writer for the old "Appeal to Reason" and a member of the Socialist Party in California.

KIEV, U.S.S.R.—As I view the institutions of the Soviet Union and envisage the tremendous construction program the workers are putting through, it seems to me that the same spirit which challenged the capitalist world during the Civil War is the spirit that sustains and inspires and which everywhere is manifested. The workers, under the leadership of the finest social engineers modern science and culture has developed, consciously are proceeding according to plan. Everything has been mapped out beforehand, and changes are made only when the exigencies of the situation demand them.

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YOU MUST WORK TO EAT.

In the Soviet Union there are no bill-collectors, no solicitors seducing one to buy on the installment plan, no interest, profit or rent. The newspapers carry no commercial advertisement.

On entering a store you are not besieged by clerks to buy. You are either a worker or a tourist, in either event of which your wants are provided for. There is no leisure class; every one works or makes a service contribution in order to eat. But the hours of labor are short, and the work is an endless joy; for the workers know they are working for themselves, not for an absentee owner, and therefore they have an incentive to work that the slaves under the capitalist system have never known and will never know.

When I realize my time is up and I have to go, I grow sick at heart. What is there for a worker in U. S. If lucky enough to get a job, he will have to work like hell in competition with fellow workers to hold it;

if unable to secure a job, then there are—the bread lines or the open road. A glorious prospect, I must say. Slavery or mendicancy are the inexorable alternatives of the American worker, and no one can deny it!

I hate to leave this friendly country a friend of the Soviet Union. After four days in Leningrad, five days in Moscow and thirty-one days travelling over most of the European portion, during which I have visited and inspected many of its principle industrial cities and collective farms, I am leaving an enthusiastic booster for everything Soviet, with a multitude of regrets that I am compelled to leave.

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## East of the Rockies

### U. S. Sailors Demand Thaelmann Freedom

NEW YORK, June 13.—Five American seamen aboard the flagship of the American fleet, the USS Pennsylvania, today sent a resolution to the New York German consul demanding the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann, heroic leader of the German working class.

### New York Solidarity With Coast Strike

NEW YORK, June 12.—One thousand seamen, longshoremen and workers from shore industries, flanked by a cordon of police, yesterday demonstrated their solidarity with the longshore strikers on the West Coast before the piers of the American Hawaiian Seaport Co. Members of the ILA and the MWIU reached the piers at noon, carrying banners calling on longshoremen to refuse to handle cargo assigned to or from Pacific Coast ports. Following the meeting, the demonstrators paraded along the waterfront to the Grace Line Docks, where a second meeting was held.

### Milk Price Up Another Cent

NEW YORK, June 11.—The price of milk rose another cent today, according to the orders of the Milk Control Commission. This takes an extra \$35,000 a day from the families of the city. Most of it goes to increase the profits of the Borden and Sheffield Milk Companies. The farmers will get little of the increase, and their market will be restricted through reducing consumption. The average farm producer gets about 2 cents a quart. New York consumers pay 13 cents.

### Nazi Hookup With U. S. Fascists Exposed

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Testimony before the Special House Committee here proved that members of the German Stahlhelm in New York drill in German army uniforms, with German and American army rifles; that German ships carry Nazi agents which give directives to these groups, back and forth as members of the crew of merchant ships in order to evade immigration officials; that these steamship lines were aiding the "Friends of New Germany"; that Heinz Spanknebel, Nazi agent who fled from the U. S. following his exposure in the Daily Worker, still controls the policies of the D.A.W.A. and has intimidated the editor of the D.A.W.A. paper; and that the Silver Shirt organization was receiving funds from North German Lloyd steamship company, which is under the direct control of Hitler.

### Lynchers Whitewashed

CLARKSDALE, Miss., June 10.—An all-white coroner's jury, after "investigating" the lynching of two negroes here, returned a verdict of "death at the hands of persons unknown." Without even protesting, the sheriff has turned over the prisoners, accused of "attempting to assault a white planter's wife" to a lynch mob of less than 150. District Attorney Greek Rice ordered the bodies kept hanging for hours after the lynching. Now he declares that he "considers the case closed."

### Average Daily Relief in South, 20c Family

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—Relief payments in the Southern states during the month of May averaged only \$6 per month per family, or 20 cents per day per family, according to figures released by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

### Wagner Bill Passes House

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Without a record vote, the House of Representatives today passed the Wagner bill establishing compulsory arbitration through government mediation boards. This strike-breaking bill was rushed through in order to use it as a weapon against the steel workers in their projected strike, and Bill Green did his part by delaying a decision on the strike while the law is being passed.

Judging by the actions taken at its national convention in Detroit, the Socialist Party seems to be carefully following the footsteps of the other Social-Democratic parties in the world. The German, Austrian, English (Independent Labor Party) and others found it necessary to conform their programs with the increasing radicalization of the workers—to color it with revolutionary sounding phrases, although careful not to be bound to any definite action. The Communist International and the parties in the respective countries have warned against the "left" maneuvers of these same people who have helped fascism come to power by preventing the workers from struggling against it. These same people as in Austria and Germany once held power but used it against the workers and not the capitalists. Their seemingly revolutionary phraseology is only in an effort to cling to their membership which is deserting them because of the treacherous character of the Socialist Parties and their leaders.

The Socialist Party in the United States took similar steps at its Detroit Convention, with the adoption of a "Declaration of Principles" and a discovery that the "New Deal" wasn't good (only 15 months later). The Socialist Party in the U. S. is in a situation that it is not yet a mass party with a large following which it could offer for bargaining purposes with the capitalist parties, while on the other hand it is doomed to complete isolation if it does not take into consideration the militant trends so rapidly developing in the American working class. The leaders such as Thomas and Daniel Hoan, Mayor of Milwaukee, take the hint especially from such examples as in California where more than 300 Socialist Party members joined the Communist Party.

### Division of Labor.

So a division of labor is created for the two wings in the Party—the "Militants" and the

## United Fr. League Collect Food, Funds for Marine Strikes

### SENDS LETTER TO ALL ITS UNITS IN MADERA, STANISLAUS AND MERCED CO

MADERA, Cal., The solidarity between struggling farmers and workers striking along the waterfront is growing daily as is shown in the gratifying response to a letter circulated by the United Farmers League to the farmers of Madera, Merced and Stanislaus counties for cash and food.

Sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, milk and vegetables were collected for strikers and their families. The collections of the newly organized farmers of Hilmar where the eviction case of J. E. Mount was recently fought, was most impressive.

The longshoremen, seamen and marine stewards and Cooks unions sent out their plea for help to the farmers on the basis of real working-class reciprocity, pledging to back up the farmers in their struggle against a low standard of living and exploitation. And the farmers saw that working and supporting striking workers is a cause very near to their own welfare.

A protest resolution is being sent to Governor Merriam and Mayor Rossi against police brutality as used upon workers on strike for better living conditions. —A Farmer.

### Chowchilla Farmers Can Give Milk to Longshoremen

CHOWCHILLA, Cal., June 8.—It's pretty tough sledding for us to get much relief for the striking longshoremen. We could get about a hundred gallons of milk if they could bring containers from San Francisco for it.

"I hadn't planned ahead of time for this strike," says Leonard Blue, organizer of the United Farmers League of Chowchilla, "but I've been getting a pretty good sized piece of ground ready to put in a garden for the cotton strikers this year. We got to start planning now to help the agricultural workers. They are our friends and it will be them that's going to help us against the banks and the power company and the cotton gins so we can get higher prices for our produce, and give them better wages.

—UFL Member.

## World Events and Western Workers

By Geo. Morris

### Socialist Party Trying to Look Red — Hilquit's Dead Hand — A Convention of Cowards — California S. P. and Criminal Syndicalism — "Dissolving Capitalism" — Where the Sincere Members of Socialism Belong

of every district attorney in the states with criminal syndicalism laws."

Mr. Solomon, recent New York candidate for Mayor assailed the resolution as reckless and stated it places the question of his remaining in the Party.

Former Judge Panken, said it "urges lot of fools to perform illegal acts."

And listen to what George Kirkpatrick, California, S. P. candidate for the U. S. Senate says:

"We should be too intelligent, too shrewd to put swords, black jacks and ropes into the hands of our enemies. This is precisely what we will do by adopting this declaration. We will not help anti-war sentiment in the slightest degree. All we will do will be to supply sheriffs and chambers of commerce with swords with which to run through the lutes who will be silly enough to follow this declaration. This is not the declaration of a responsible party. Things are more critical, more full of dynamite than some of you seem to imagine. Beware."

Then we read in the convention issue of the "New Leader" (June 2) the S. P. official paper, the leading article by James Oneal, the editor, which states as follows:

"No member desires to jeopardize the Party or any of its members in any state because of normal party propaganda action. To take an example A NUMBER OF CALIFORNIA DELEGATES LEFT DETROIT UNCERTAIN AND APPREHENSIVE OF THE STATUS OF THE PARTY AND THE MEMBERS IN THAT STATE BECAUSE OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS IN THE RESO-

## BUGHOUSE SQUARE

BY STEPHEN PEACOCK

In practically every city of the United States there exists an unwritten law which sets aside a certain spot where philosophers and freaks of every sort congregate for the purpose of settling all cosmological and anthropological questions facing mankind, from the nebular hypothesis to gastritis.

In Los Angeles the mental giants gather at Pershing Square; in Long Beach at the Pier; in San Francisco in front of the Public Library. During these trying times, the atmosphere at these places fairly sizzles. The grim, determined men who gather there are determined to solve the crisis if it takes the last heave out of their diaphragms.

### POWERFUL VOICE NECESSARY.

To those who have missed the philosophical circus and desire to enter the arena, we offer some friendly suggestions and advice. In the first place, remember that the action takes place in the open air, and that practically everybody speaks at the same time. This means you must have a powerful voice to compete. Without this weapon, you will waste your time, though no one at the Square pays any attention to time. If you have had experience as a baseball umpire, that's fine. Any person with a powerful voice will go over big in Bughouse Square.

### BUGHOUSE PHILOSOPHERS.

Now, philosophy means literally the search for or pursuit of truth. And they do it at Bughouse Square. Yea, brethren, even as the monkey searches diligently for the elusive parasite or the hound faithfully pursues his own tail.

The philosophers are in the main of two varieties: the peripatetic, named after the followers of Aristotle who argued from place to place, and the static, or sitting variety. The former never stay long in one argument. If they don't average at least twelve per hour they consider the day a total loss. Often the philosophers are compelled to change spots through fear of being immersed in their own sputum.

The static philosophers are, of course, the more stable element. They have their regular sitting places and there they sit. You can leave the city and come back four years later and the same philosophers will be sitting in the same places. If you

should miss one, you may rest assured that he died at his rest of duty with the slogan "Long Live Bughouse Square" on his lips and that he willed his favorite seat to his best friend.

### BUGHOUSE ETHICS.

After a couple of trips to the Square you will appreciate the following helpful hints for Bughouse:

1. Always shout at the top of your voice.
2. Never wait until the other fellow gets through talking.

3. Never listen with a straight face. Either glare, grunt, grin or simply laugh out loud.

4. Always yawn when your opponent is trying to explain something. This encourages him to be more lucid.

### BECOMING BUGHOUSE INTELLECTUAL.

While appearance does not make a Bughouse Intellectual any more than clothes make a man, yet it helps considerably, especially for strangers. For a newcomer to enter the Square without at least five huge, musty volumes under his arm would be philosophical suicide. And be sure to have the titles visible. Always include titles dealing with Higher Mathematics, Pure Reason, Bio-chemistry, Relativity, and the Philosophy of Something or Other.

It is also a fine idea to have your pockets bulging with documents, manuscripts, pamphlets and clippings. Helps make it impressive.

### BUGHOUSE PHILOSOPHERS.

As no one in Bughouse Square is interested in the slightest in what anyone else has to say, you will immediately win wide acclaim if you say nothing. Good listeners are very scarce. And be sure to ask lots of questions. In the argument that follows no one will remember who asked the question and very few will remember what it was.

After you have won your spurs and have acquired some standing—or sitting—as a listener, you can alternate your questions with sharp, pertinent remarks. If you can memorize perfectly the five that follow you are on the road to becoming a Bughouse Intellectual.

A. "How do you know?" (With pupils almost out of the sockets).

B. "You're telling me." (With sneer and shrug of shoulders).

C. "Oh, yeah?" (With shrug of shoulders and sneer).

D. "Go soak your nut!" (Out of side of mouth).

E. "Believe it or not!" (With thumb leaning on nose, and fing-

## L.A. League Against War and Fascism to Call Demonstration

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 14. A conference on June 24 at 10 a. m. to arrange a mass demonstration is being called by the American League Against War and Fascism.

The June 24 conference will meet at the Cultural Center, at 230 So. Spring St. Calls to 250 organizations are being sent out immediately. The conference will lay out immediate work to build the organization in the neighborhoods on a militant basis.

The executive committee will be broadened at the conference and a mass meeting will be called to protest especially the increased police brutality, both in breaking up workers' meetings and in torturing of workers after they are arrested.

### Union Organizer To Get Rehearing

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—F. Brownstein, organizer of the furriers' section of the Needle Trade Workers' International Union charged with destruction of private property, will have a rehearing on his case on Thursday, June 21, at 10 a. m. before the appellate division of the superior court.

Brownstein was originally convicted of throwing acid in connection with the custom tailor's strike here, on framed testimony.

Workers are urged to pack the court room in defense of this class war prisoner.

ers straight out. This will dispose of any perplexing argument.

It is true that Bughouse Square fills a need in the lives of tired radicals and punch drunk philosophers and is more fun than a Socialist Convention.

It is also true that in almost every city where there is a station for nuts, there is a flock of revolutionaries and other rubbish that the Communist party disposes of periodically. They consist of Love-sickites, Trotzkites, Weisbordites, Musteites, Labor Partyites, American Workers Partyites, Proletarian Partyites, Stalactites, Stalagmites, and every other ute under the sun.

It is also unfortunately true that some Communist sympathizers and a few Party members hang around there and think they are performing their revolutionary duty by indulging in the futility of philosophy with a few crystallized nuts, while at the same time parading themselves before the stool pigeons who poison the scenery.

## Foreign News Briefs

### Barricade Fighting in French Town

GRENOBLE, France, June 11.—In an effort to prevent a Fascist meeting, and in demonstration against Fascism, several thousand Communists and Socialists participated in barricade fighting here yesterday. For over three hours the workers held a church, resisting the police and calling upon the soldiers to join them. More than 500 police and gendarmes were mobilized for the occasion, as well as three companies of infantry, mounted artillery men, engineers and Alpine Chasseurs. Fifty people were injured in the fighting. "Down with Fascism," "Free Ernest Thaelmann," and "Establish Soviet Power" were some of the slogans shouted by the Communist and Socialist workers forged in a united front against which the Socialist Party leaders have been fighting.

### Soviet Farms Support Plan

MOSCOW, June 10.—Collective farms have once more demonstrated their force and strength, winning new victories in the spring sowing. On June 5, 28,327,500 acres of summer grain had been sown throughout the U. S. S. R., making 98.3 per cent of the entire plan accomplished, while sowing still goes on in many districts. This is 23,750,000 acres more sown this year than last. Kolkhozes have sown 173,130,000 acres against the 170,835,000 planned, fulfilling their plan with an increase of 1.8 per cent. This year the kolkhozes have completed their sowing 10 days earlier than last year.

### Fight Fascists in Italy

GENOA, June 11.—In the face of Fascist terror, Communists here staged a demonstration yesterday when the Fascists were opening a new headquarters. Demonstrators who timed their appearance with the singing of "Giovinezza" by the Fascists were brutally attacked by the police.

### USSR Steel Production Hits New High

MOSCOW, June 15.—Steel production for the Soviet Union reached a new high for the industry on May 18 when 39,268 tons were produced, surpassing the previous high production record of 29,813 tons of April 25, and being two per cent ahead of the second five year plan.

### Another Victory for Peace Policy of USSR

GENEVA, June 16.—On what the New York Times calls "irrefutable evidence," word reached here today that the peace policy of the USSR has scored another triumph with the recognition of the Soviet Union by the Little Entente of Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, and Rumania, and the signing of mutual guarantees of boundaries.

### 12,000 Anti-Fascist Boo Moseley At Meet

LONDON, June 7.—Fifteen thousand people attended Sir Oswald Moseley's Fascist mass meeting here last night. Three thousand were followers of Moseley—the other twelve thousand were militant anti-Fascists who booed the speaker so loudly that he was unable to make himself heard for 45 minutes. He was finally forced to whine that the Fascists believed in free speech, and were too gentlemanly to break up working class meetings.

### Bombay Strikers' Ranks Solid

BOMBAY, India, June 7.—Despite the brutal attacks of the British police force, 70,000 Bombay textile workers have been on strike for over a month. The persistency of the strikers has forced the shutting down of mills formerly working with reduced forces. The cotton mill workers are fighting for higher wages, but the strike is of even greater significance, marking the start of a new wave of anti-imperialist struggles in India.

ly elected national committee was to turn the declaration of principles over to a committee of "Socialist lawyers" (incidentally all these are of the "old guard") to pass an interpretation on the legal aspects. You've guessed the results already.

### Thomas "Explains."

The first printed word from Thomas after the convention is "We state and state honestly and explicitly what we would do IF after all other striving war becomes imminent. We state what we would do IF after doing our best to use democratic processes the capitalist used forced against or IF our capitalist system dissolves in chaos." Thomas goes on to reassure every timid soul in the party not to be alarmed. ("New Leader" June 2nd issue).

### A Radical Trend in Party.

The real fact is that this process of presenting the S. P. to the masses with a more radical appearance is influenced by an undertow within the Socialist Party calling for a revolutionary program—for a united front with the Communists, for support to the Soviet Union, fight against the NRA, for leadership in strikes, etc. Thomas and his group want to take command of his element and lead it into safe channels within the S. P.

This latter trend is not to be found among the top leadership of the Socialist Party

**Dick Parker Branch S. F. Downtown Jobless Council Scores Again**

The Dick Parker Branch of the International Labor Defense, recently organized on the San Francisco waterfront held a meeting June 12th, with an attendance of forty, all of them bona-fide members. The branch was organized mainly by striking seamen and scalers who realized the important role played by the ILD in defending strikers who have been arrested on framed-up charges. Attention is called to all longshoremen that this branch was named after a striking member of the ILA who was murdered by the San Pedro police while on picket duty. It is hoped that many longshoremen will join this waterfront branch and present a solid body of defense, bringing mass pressure to bear in capitalist courts both in arrests that may occur in this strike and future frame-ups on the waterfront. Next meeting of the branch will be Tuesday June 19th at 7:30 p.m. at 437 Market St.

All marine workers are invited to come and also to join at this meeting.

—C. E. Meals,

Secretary.

delegation and disappeared.

# THEUTOPIANS

By IRVING S. KREITZBERG

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—The Down Town Unemployed Council today forced Mr. Wolberg to withdraw the order that single unemployed who have rooms of their own and eat in the soup lines go to the flop house once a week and participate in the delousing clean-up. These workers have their own place to clean up and were threatened with refusal of food in the soup lines unless they cleaned up at the flop houses.

The Council also exposed the forced labor camps and the fact that workers are kicked out of the flop houses when they refuse to go to the forced labor camps. The Council also demanded that the workers who have places at which they can prepare their own meals be given cash relief.

Mr. Uhl told the delegation he would meet with them after the regular meeting was over to take up this question, but after the meeting Uhl side-stepped the delegation and disappeared.

and are purely a local organization, with units meeting in small groups at homes, one group to a precinct. Their membership figures are merely publicity hoey.

A MIXUP.

The leadership of the Utopians are a mixture of technocrats and former Silver Shirts, with a handful of aspiring politicians thrown in. A great deal of technocratic phraseology surrounds their propaganda.

More's novel, "Utopia," is talked about a great deal—but very few of either the members or those attending their meetings seem to have read it. They tell very little of their actual program. Even new recruits know little of their aims. Not until they have been accepted to the "inner circle," sworn to secrecy, and put through a lot of mumbo-jumbo rituals is the general program divulged. Only the leaders know the full program.

Such secret political organizations are not new in American history. The American Party of the troubled pre-Civil War days functioned in a similar manner, and because members claimed

they knew nothing of its aims except that it was to help the people, were called the "Know Nothing Party". Years later it was discovered that their main plank was to stop immigration and for the deportation of all foreigners.

A WISH DREAMERS.

Utopianism is imaginary perfection; mere wish dreaming. A social scientist is not against dreaming, but his dreams are practical dreams, based on realities. They see the forces of present day society at work. Their program is an analysis of existing conditions, of past experiences and of the needs of the masses. They realize the necessity of the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and its replacement by a workers' and farmers' government, the socialization of production and distribution, planned economy and a classless society. In short, the necessity for the fulfillment of the Communist Party's program.

But in reality it is neither socially beneficial for workers, nor scientific. Although the technocrats, in their hey-day of propaganda, showed that the possibilities for the satisfaction of human wants are contained in the achievements of science, they refused to recognize that in order to make this possible, it was necessary to reorganize the leaders know the full program.

But the Utopians propose no such course. What pseudo-radical or scientific phrases they use are intended only to win recruits. It's propaganda about jobs and justice is a pure deception—even Hitler used it.

**"Red" Candidates for Senator, Sheriff, Nominated in Fresno**

**Only Bosses' Pets Hired When Hunt's Cannery Open**

HAYWARD, Calif., June 13.—At the opening of the Hunt Bros. cannery, they blew a whistle one day and we all reported for work next day, expecting to start work. When we got there it was a different story for they picked out women who were the boss' friends and the others were told to go home.

I am one of those women who belong to the union and I organized the other women into a delegation to go to the main office and tell the boss that we all needed work and that he should put on two shifts. He refused and we yelled at him that at one o'clock we weren't going to let any women go into the cannery. We put a scare into him and he rang for the sheriff and the police. I then approached the main boss and said to him, "Listen, Mrs. Mack, we produce the food but we haven't enough to eat. We do the work and starve. I am going to try and organize the women and then we will be able to fight for our rights."

—A Cannery Worker.

## Department for Agitation and Education

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### Facts for Speakers

(Clip for your note book)

The following excellent facts on the conditions of rail workers have been taken from the June "Economic Notes" as published by the Labor Research Bureau.

The miserable picture of conditions among "employed" railroad workers is presented in a recent study of 1,000 representative railroad families made by the U. S. Department of Labor at the request of 18 of the standard railway brotherhoods. All classifications of rail labor with the exception of engineers, conductors and longshoremen were covered. Here are some of the facts contained in the report:

**"DIVIDENDS" (?) OF RAIL WORKERS.**

Outright wage slashes, irregular employment, enforced furloughs, and demotions have brought wage reductions amounting to 50% DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS. Half of the men studied reported a loss of 30% or more in monthly income, two-thirds of all the men suffering a 20% loss in monthly income. One-third of the men were forced to accept one or more demotions resulting in wage decreases up to 50%.

In 1932, 38% of 980 men covered made less than \$1,000; two-thirds made less than \$1,500. Some 102 men made as little as \$500 for the year, while only 18% received as much as \$1,750, or an average of less than \$34 a week.

Maintenance of way men are among the lowest paid in the industry. Even Roosevelt has cited examples of way-men who received \$5 and \$7 a week. Yet 29% of the workers studied received in 1932 less than the "normal average" of way-men which is about \$846. The low wages of maintenance-of-way men were reduced proportionately.

A million rail workers have been thrown into the breadlines; 400,000 more forced to work part-time at less than subsistence wages. The loss to railroad workers as a result of the 10% wage cut alone is estimated at \$400,000,000 in two years. But security holders in 1933 collected more in interest than in the peak year, 1929.

**NO MILK.**

Such conditions have played havoc with the standard of living of these railroad workers and their families. Some families had had no milk in three or four years. Many children were forced to remain away from school because of lack of clothes.

**CROWDED HOUSES.**

Three-fourths of the families had been forced into debt. Some 43% of the home-owning families lost their homes through foreclosure. Doubling up in housing became common. One 4-room house was occupied by three families of 11 people.

**MEDICAL CARE—?**

Over a third of the families had one or more members needing medical attention but could not afford it. In 94% of the families members had to forego necessary dental care for lack of money.

**DIVIDENDS FOR BOSSSES.**

The position of the railroad capitalists is obscured by their reported "deficits". The railroads report their profits in manner that makes return to the owners of railway securities appear largely as a "fixed charge", and "net income" is calculated after more than a half billion dollars has been paid to the railroad bondholders.

Then in 1932 when they reported a "deficit" of \$130,000,000, there was actually a \$326,000,000 profit. In 1933 there was a \$474,000,000 profit on operations, despite a reputed "deficit" of \$14,000,000. Payments to bondholders were actually higher in 1933 than in 1929.

The extension of the wage-cut by the "New Deal" government and financial manipulations of the owners account for such headlines in 1934: "Railroads' Income Up 332% in March". In the first quarter of this year, net operating income totalled \$112,000,000, or 220% more than during the corresponding 1933 period.

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### Fundamentals of a Communist Political Education

**Lesson 13**

**Bourgeois Ideology in the Ranks of the Working Class — Why is Proletarian Internationalism Indispensable? — The Lovestoneites, Trotskyites, P. P., S. L. P., I. W. W., Anarchism, Negro Nationalism — The Founding of the Communist International —**

affiliated internationally with groups opposed to the First Workers Republic, the Soviet Union.

**The Lovestone Group (Self-Styled Communist Party (Majority)).**

The Lovestone group developed during the epoch under the influence of the bourgeois illusions of the so-called prosperity period (1923-1929). They reflected the theory of the bourgeoisie that American capitalism had solved its inner contradictions, and crisis would primarily come from outer factors. Thus economic difficulties in the U. S. might arise from economic collapse in Great Britain or some other big power but not from the "normal" process of capitalist economy at home. This theory became known as "exceptionalism", and constituted a revision of Marxism. If we refer back to Norman Thomas' program, we can see the close affinity between Lovestone's "exceptionalism" and his theory of "The Primacy of outer contradictions" and Thomas' discovery that Karl Marx was wrong about recurring crises.

**The Trotskyites (Self-styled Communist Party (Opposition))**

The Trotskyites represent the American section carrying on the anti-Soviet activities of the renegade Trotsky, who was expelled from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and eventually from the Soviet Union, because he used the posts entrusted to him by our USSR comrades to organize counter-revolutionary work in line with the Socialist and farmers against capitalism. It is precisely to force the workingclass to be loyal to its own national bourgeoisie and not to its own class interests, with which the interests of the workers and farmers government in the Soviet Union is united, that the bosses raise misleading cries against "Dictation from Moscow."

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ter-revolutionary role. This can be seen in specific American situations, in their activities to disrupt the unity of the workers in the food strike in New York (Spring, 1934) and in their being the prime tools of the bosses of Minneapolis to break the general strike movement (May 1934).

**The Proletarian Party.**

The Proletarian Party is the typical fruition of the unity between extremely sectarian and ultra-leftist phrase-mongering, and an opportunist position. They are opposed to any immediate practical struggle to improve the conditions of the workers. They believe that we can have only one possible activity, and that is to educate the working class to a proletarian revolution. These theories are exposed by two factors:

1.—The counter-revolutionary role of the Proletarian Party and its leading members, which always helps the AF of L officials and other reactionary groups to defeat any militant struggle. This was especially evident in the activities of the Proletarian Party against the militant policy and unity of the workers in the marine strike in San Francisco (Summer of 1934).

2.—The Negro Bourgeois Nationalism.

Garveyism, which formerly was the ideology of the Negro small property owners and workers in America, and which even now exercises some influence over the Negro masses, like Ghandism, has become a hindrance to the revolutionization of the Negro masses. Originally advocating social equality for Negroes, Garveyism subsequently developed into a peculiar form of Negro "Zionism" which, instead of fighting American imperialism advanced the slogan "Back to Africa!" This dangerous ideology, which bears not a single genuine democratic trait, and which toys with the aristocratic attributes of a non-existent "Negro kingdom" must be strongly resisted, for it is not a help but a hindrance to the mass Negro struggle for liberation against American imperialism. A number of other bourgeois Negro organizations, especially the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People play the counter-revolutionary role of preventing black and white workingclass unity and attempt to develop the strength of the Negro upper classes.

**The Socialist-Labor Party.**

The Socialist Labor Party has a theory similar to that of the Proletarian Party. Their's is, however, even a more confused position. They are opposed to the dictatorship of the proletariat. Even their phrase-mongering is reformist. They began with the revolt against reformist ideology in the United States at the beginning of this century, led by Daniel De Leon. In the early part of this movement they appeared to gather strength, largely because of the anti-reformist position they took. However, they developed a number of theories which made the movement an extremely sectarian one, chief of which was dual unionism. On a number of other questions, they had very unclear positions. For example, they did not conceive of the dictatorship of the proletariat—the "propaganda of the deed." Since the rise of the Communist movement, anarchism, especially the terrorist sects, have practically disappeared.

**The Working Class Revolutionary Movement.**

Standing out against all these tendencies is proletarian Communism, the powerful ideology

**Literature Book Reviews**

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**"Dialectical Materialism"** by V. Adoratsky, price 50c. Cloth. A clear and concise exposition of the theoretical foundation of Marxism and Leninism. The author outlines the development of dialectical materialism from the era of Marx and Engels to its commanding status—which Lenin interpreted and defended so brilliantly—today. The author concludes with a chapter on "How to Study Lenin".

JEFF GOODMAN.  
Workers Book Shop,  
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of the international revolutionary workingclass. It differs from all these tendencies, and primarily from social-democracy in that it stands determinedly for the teachings of Marx and Engels, it conducts a theoretical and practical revolutionary struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat and in that struggle applies all forms of proletarian mass action.

This International organization collapsed at the outbreak of the World War. Attempts to reunite international working class unity were made at the Zimmerwald Conference in 1915, and at Kienthal Conference in 1916. However, success was finally achieved in 1919 when in Moscow, under the leadership of Comrade Lenin, the Third International was organized.

What strategy and tactics do the Communists hold to?  
(End Lesson 13)

**SEEING RED!**  
By Kirby

Ryan says he came to settle the strike. But the waterfront workers are more interested in winning it.

The taxpayers who paid, and those who fed at his trough will both, though for different reasons, appreciate the move to name the big half-million hog pen proposed to be built here, the James Ralph, Jr. Memorial.

Cameron King's version of how the Communist Party got so many signatures that even he couldn't throw us off the ballot is that they must have been picked at random out of the phone book. Is he, in his chagrin, giving away the method his Socialist Party uses?

A new requisite for entrance to universities is given by Hitler. Under a new law all students must first put in a six month term in concentration camps digging swamp drainage and such. After that they may be able to stomach what they will be taught of Nazi "culture."

#### BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN—

"I do not believe that terrorism against the Jewish people exists in Germany, and I do not believe it existed to any great degree even during the three days following the advent of the Hitler government."

David Barrows.

Former U. C. Pres.

"Bring Me Men to Match My Mountains" is the motto Gov. Merriam heads his campaign letters with. Down on the farm where I was born we didn't call such stuff mountaints but piles.

A letter from the Merriam-for-Governor campaign headquarters to the Western Worker offers the usual little bribe. Says it: "Regarding newspaper advertising Frank F. Merriam's campaign for Governor, he thinks along the same lines as yourself on that subject—for he is a former newspaper editor and publisher himself, also for years was advertising manager of the Long Beach Press. An appropriation is being made for this purpose." Well, governor, it's this way. We know you haven't that much money, so we'll give you a little free advertising.

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Read the editorial on the other side of this page.

#### "Free Thaelmann!"

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3)  
All day picketing has been at the German consulate with pickets on two-hour shifts. Workers who desire to participate in the picket line should communicate with the International Labor Defense at 121 Haight St., Underhill 3425.

Delegations from the Marina section placed their demands before the consulate last Friday. Postcards demanding the freedom of Thaelmann and greeting him in his dungeon cell are being circulated through the Committee to Aid the Victims of German Fascism, at 121 Haight St., and workers can apply there to obtain these postcards.

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#### Vote For Negro Is Lowest at Socialists' Party Meeting

#### Fishermen Answer Fakers' Blacklist With United Front

In the vote for members of the National Executive Committee members, at the recent convention of the Socialist Party, Frank Crosswaith, usually put forth as the Party's "Negro front," was defeated and was lowest of the 19 candidates voted on. The S. P. officials usually made a big fuss in holding Crosswaith for display purposes. But it is another matter when it comes to actually voting to place a Negro on the executive. Crosswaith was rewarded with the important responsibility at the convention, as sergeant-at-arms.

The convention again reiterated its position for Jim-Crowing the Negro members in the South. Crosswaith was defeated despite the fact that he was one of the so-called left at the convention which had a majority. Crosswaith is conscious of the white chauvinist character of the S. P. but being an opportunist, in place of fighting it, hobnobs with the misleaders.

There were only two other Negroes present at the convention.

#### Win Hunger Strike

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1)  
each—that was all for Friday. On Saturday the 9th, there came from El Centro about 9:30 a. m. General Glassford and Clarke and a photographer. After they had talked among themselves in the kitchen, Glassford came into the tent where we all were.

He said "hello," waiting for us to offer him our hand or our seats, but there was nothing of that; it was all on the contrary.

He had ask some questions and in all of them he acted innocent as though he didn't know how they had treated us. Then he told us that we should work in this way we would be told in the strike.

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**Editorial Column****Merriam in Rolph's Boots**

Among the first acts of the new governor of California, is to take leadership in the present red-baiting campaign. And he does it with a viciousness that surpasses even that which was displayed by his predecessor.

In one way the governor's brazen showing of his hand is welcome, as it gives a clear demonstration to everyone that Rolph's death did not cause the slightest change. Merriam is only another part of the same reactionary state machine which is geared to oppress the workers and small farmers. There are many people who believe that Rolph alone, in the state government, was responsible for the reactionary policy, and hoped that Merriam will mean a change. But such people believe in the "Good Man" theory—fail to see the parties of the bosses which these people represent.

Governor Merriam says:

"These public enemies deliberately provoke demonstrations and incite alarms at a time when peace and civil tranquillity are the supreme requisites in our battle for national recovery. Their alien creed of violence and sabotage strikes venomously at the heart of constitutional democracy."

"Among us, a horde of irresponsible professional agitators, mostly aliens, are trafficking shamelessly in the agonies of these stressful times. They are seeking revolution, not reform; to make conditions worse, not better."

"Against such vicious attacks, in whatever field, your State Government must and will offer uncompromising resistance."

"We have adequate laws on the statute books to deal effectively with both violence and incitement. They will be enforced."

"Roving bands of foreign agitators shall not be permitted to undermine the American ideal of human liberty and ordered freedom under law. Order and constitutional government will be maintained."

"On citizens of California there rests a patriotic obligation to resist the destructive machinations of organized Communism; to make known, in every relationship of their daily lives, that they will not countenance violence and sabotage."

"In my inflexible determination to uphold the authority of the law, I appeal earnestly for the active and moral support of every citizen."

**ATTACK IS AGAINST ALL WHO FIGHT**

No one should be fooled into thinking that this is aimed at the Communists alone. By Communists and agitators, Merriam means every worker who goes out on strike, every unemployed person who fights for an existence, and everyone who fights for rights that we are supposed to have. **HAVE NOT THE THOUSANDS OF JOBLESS WHO DEMONSTRATED BEFORE THE LOS ANGELES RELIEF OFFICE BEEN CALLED A BAND OF COMMUNISTS? HAS NOT THE STRIKE COMMITTEE OF THE AFL LONGSHORSMEN'S UNION IN SAN FRANCISCO BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS COMMUNISTS. HAVE NOT THE 150 STRIKING APRICOT PICKERS WHO WERE RUN OUT OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BEEN ADVERTISED AS COMMUNIST AGITATORS?**

If you do not want to be a target in Merriam's attack then you should never strike but, submit all your grievances to a boss controlled arbitration board; take what little the relief authorities give you without a murmur; if you are unorganized, remain so; Negroes, Mexicans or any others who are especially subject to discrimination keep "in your place"; when you hear of hundreds of workers along waterfronts often women and children, getting clubbed, don't let it bother you; work hard, be satisfied with what you get and be a "loyal patriotic citizen"—for your boss.

**WINKS AT LABOR SKATES**

The governor would like people to think that by Communists he means the Communist Party alone. He says:

Responsible and law-abiding labor organizations are an accepted part of our economic and social fabric. They should not be confused with the lawless, destructive mushroom organizations recently established in this Commonwealth by alien Communists.

But with this the governor only tells the workers to support the officials of reactionary unions, who are always ready to sell out the interests of the workers. Such as Ryan, Scharrenberg, O'Connell, Lewis or Mike Casey he calls "responsible and law abiding officials." He has their co-operation in the fight against the most active and devoted in the ranks of labor.

The governor's statement is a challenge to every worker, to every small farmer, to every progressive minded person. It's the voice of the capitalist class with all its viciousness.

Only the Communist platform answers this challenge—it speaks for the toiling masses. All the other candidates entering the field only pretend to oppose the line of Merriam. They only compete for the chance to run the state machine for the capitalist groups they represent.

**ONLY THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATES, TRIED IN THE FIRE OF STRUGGLE AS THE MOST DEVOTED LEADERS OF THE WORKERS, CARRY THE BANNER OF LABOR IN THE PRESENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN.**

**VOTE FOR THEM!**

**Exhibition of Class Struggle Photos in L. A. June 21 to 23**

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 16.

A national exhibition of exceptional photography depicting demonstrations and police brutality against the workers will take place at 230 So. Spring St. Thursday, Friday and Saturday June 21, 22, and 23. The exhibition has just arrived from New York where it was enthusiastically received. One of the most dramatic stills shows the arrest of our own Emma Cutler, now in El Centro jail. There are also beautiful studies in satire: as a billboard advertising two movie lovers—the billboard happens to be in a junk-yard.

The exhibition opens at 6 p.m. From 9 to 10, the movie "California 1934" will be shown for the first time in Los Angeles. The movie is a local product while the exhibition of still pictures is national. In technical and dramatic quality the still pictures easily surpass Hollywood—they are the real thing.

Every effort is made to minimize the growing fraternizing between workers ashore and the sailors and soldiers. The story, which, despite its absurd claims of women plying the poor boys with liquor, a yarn all servicemen who have attended any of the dances given by the workers for them know is simply a Hearst lie, nevertheless can not hide the fact that sailors were impressed by the consciousness of a common welfare with the workers and a realization of the class to which they belonged.

Distribution of the "Shipmate's Voice", a paper published by a rank and file group of enlisted men was carried on a large scale by both workers and sail-

**The Dead Hand of Rolph****RED RIMES**

By Henry George Weiss

When tyrants want to rule the roost and keep us workers under, they play us all for bloomers, fools, and split our ranks asunder. They make the white slave hate the black, the black slave hate the white, and while each other we attack, THEY profit from our plight. If slaves forgot the lying rot the bosses have to say, they'd learn a lot and make it hot for parasites today. No longer then would working men toil for another's gain, nor children eat the husks of wheat while bosses steal the grain. This racial hate is really great for boss and millionaire. They rule the map while workers scrap and fall into their snare. So black and white, let us unite and be no longer strange. We must at length pool all our strength, for we've a world to change!

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**A Short Story  
By Carlitos**

Welfare Superintendent. A small group took Zeke to the Superintendent. They had a hard time getting to see that functionary, but finally they laid the case before him. He took down Scott's case number and said he'd investigate.

"That's just what we don't want you to do," the committee's spokesman declared. "You people have been investigating this case for over a year. What we want is to get the matter settled. Right now."

After a lot of arguments, they succeeded in getting a recommendation for adjustment, in the form of a letter to the head of the department Scott's case was in. More trouble. More wrangling. But at last they came away with an order. This was taken to the optical company, which accepted it and promised to have the lenses ready in three days, that is, by Friday.

It is possible for this story to end here. But life, which is always full of the unexpected, decrees otherwise. When Zeke came to the optical company on Friday morning, the doctor had brought forth the newly made lenses and said cheerily: "It took you a long time to get them, didn't it?"

"I'll say so." And Zeke grinned.

"Now, look at my forehead. Here."

The glasses were slipped onto Zeke's nose.

"How is that? A lot better, isn't it?"

Zeke sat as rigid as a statue. His grin faded and was replaced by an expression of dismay.

"There's a mistake," he said. "In what way?"

"These ain't the glasses I'm supposed to get. Honest, doctor, I can't see a thing with them. Everything's foggy."

The doctor frowned and removed the glasses. He examined the tag and then the lenses.

"But doctor! When they tested my eyes at the hospital, I could see everything clear and bright. But with these, it's just about the same as if I didn't have them on at all."

"Have your eyes changed much during that time?"

"Yes, they're a lot weaker."

"Hm! Come with me and we'll do a little checking-up."

He took Zeke into another room, where refraction work was done. His tests soon proved that Zeke's eyes had changed so considerably that the lenses of the prescription were practically useless.

"Does that mean I've got to go through the whole thing all over again?" Zeke asked bitterly.

"There isn't much to go thru, if it's done in the proper manner," the doctor told him. "I'll get the manager and see what we can do."

This is what the manager said: "You see. Mr. Scott, we are not to blame. We filled the prescription correctly. But we realize that your case is very serious and we want to do all we can to help you. This is what we'll do. We'll test your eyes free of charge, providing you can get an order for the new lenses. That will be \$8.00, because the frame has already been paid for on the old order. We'll give you a letter explaining the whole

**Introducing A Labor Faker, J. B. Nathan**

Here you are folks, meet J. B. Nathan, organizer for the A. F. of L. Cannery Workers Union. He has long been known to many workers as a "labor faker." But for those who have not had experience with him a glance at his record will show clearly how he earned this title. Nathan Bay last summer when he signed up some cannery workers and turned them over to the A. F. of L. Although he says he is opposed to forming a new union where an old one already exists (dual unionism), he nevertheless organized his Cannery Workers Union in spite of the fact that the militant Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union was already working in Oakland canneries. By this act he convinced the A. F. of L. "big shots" that they could rely on him, and in return they put him in charge of organizing the cannery workers. This was the first time that the A. F. of L. ever bothered to organize the poorly paid workers in the canneries and only because the militant C. & A. W. I. U. was winning gains from the bosses.

**CWA Racketeering**

The misleaders of the A. F. of L. have nothing on Nathan when it comes to "angling." This last winter he played politics in the Central Labor Council of Oakland and got himself a gravy CWA job as an educational director. There, in order to build himself a political machine he hired influential A. F. of L. leaders with CWA funds. And although they were incompetent to teach they continued to draw their \$17.20 a week.

About this time the federal government was looking around for a man they could trust as "labor" advisor in the Salmon Code Hearings. You guessed it, Nathan got the job. He was recommended by President Green of the A. F. of L. always on the lookout for a man with his own ideas.

Looking out for himself Nathan used his official position as labor adviser to get the workers affected by this Code to join his union.

By this method he succeeded in signing up about a thousand members, charging them five dollars each for the privilege of shipping out to Alaska. But he refused to organize them for any struggles and even deserted them when they attempted to picket a boat carrying seabs to Alaska. When the TUUL passed out leaflets, at one of the union meetings, Nathan and his henchmen took them away from the workers as they entered the hall. This clearly indicates his fear of the rank and file getting wise to him.

**Disruptor.**

Not only does Nathan attack the Communists on every possible occasion but he attempts to disrupt any unified working class action. For example when he was chairman of the Civil Rights Committee of Alameda County he appointed his own credentials committee and refused to seat such bona fide organizations as the National Student League and the American League Against War and Fascism, in order to maintain his control. And on May 30 he again used these dictatorial methods by trying to prevent radical workers from speaking at a mass meeting called by the Civil Rights Committee. By now he was so thoroughly exposed that when he addressed the revolutionary movement but he makes friends with anarchists, wobblies, and other enemies of the Communist Party.

**Talk, Don't Strike.**

But, although the Party is not revolutionary enough for this "radical" it appears that the A. F. of L. is. When he gets the workers into the A. F. of L. what does he do for them? He admits that he is opposed to strikes and asserts that the "threat of strike" is more effective. As far as union recognition is concerned, he doesn't see "why all the fuss about it."

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thing, if that'll help you."

Zeke went to the Relief Workers hall and the fellows there listened to his new troubles. They read the letter he had been given and discussed what could be done.

"This is a tough nut to crack," one of them said, "but let's see if we can crack it."

With a group of five behind him, Zeke started making the rounds. They got no satisfaction in his department, so they went to the adjustment bureau. No results. The welfare superintendent. He threw up his hands and sent them to the Board of Commissioners. The whole afternoon was spent in the offices of the commissioners. An orgy of buck-passing. At last, one of the officials gave them a letter authorizing the issuance of an order. They rushed back to the Welfare and got the order thru by closing time.

So, on Wednesday afternoon of the following week, Zeke came into the Relief Workers hall and surveyed the place through his gleaming lenses. The boys all crowded around him, asking questions. Some of them wanted to look through his glasses. He surprised them by asking for a broom.

"A broom?"

"Yes. This place looks awful.

The steps too. I'm gonna do a little cleaning up. Where's the broom?"

The growers are beginning to recognize his role. As Nathan was making a militant sounding speech last week, one of the Brentwood growers remarked to Chief Cato of the State Highway Patrol, "That guy can sure throw the bull." Most workers have known this for a long time.

**Western Worker Short Story Contest  
Extended to July 15th; Send in Stories**

The Western Worker Short Story Contest has been extended to July 15 in order to get a broader representation of working-class writers entered into the contest.

The number of responses to the contest has been good, but many of the contestants have not taken sufficient care in preparing their stories, and others have written about situations and events with which they are obviously unfamiliar.

The contest is now in its last month! Send in your stories now—even if they arrive too late for publication in the Western Worker before July 15, they will be considered in the judging.